

In Your matchless name we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMALFA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED), the whole number of the House is 429.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### WESTERN NEW YORK NATIONAL CEMETERY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, for years, western New York has been home to one of the largest veteran populations in the United States.

Our community fought for an official solemn resting place for veterans and their families close to home. In 2017, construction began on the Western New York National Cemetery. Early on, there were warnings that the gateway to the cemetery posed traffic hazards. Since then, automobile accidents have occurred, some ending in tragedy.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs released a report suggesting ways that safety could be improved at the cemetery's entrance, where, right now, oncoming traffic often exceeds 60 miles per hour.

We are calling on the VA to listen to the voices of the community and to respond swiftly with a solution. Action is necessary to protect the grieving families of fallen western New York heroes.

### NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the men and women in the nursing profession today.

This week is National Nurses Week. Every year from May 6 through May 12 we celebrate the work and contribution nurses make in the healthcare field. National Nurses Week ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, the founder of modern-day nursing.

Prior to serving Congress, I spent nearly three decades in the healthcare profession. There I worked closely with nurses and saw firsthand the care and the compassion that they showed their patients.

Nursing is a science and an art, reserved for those who are the most caring, giving, and passionate about helping others. Nurses help their patients and families with comfort, compassion, guidance, and care.

Mr. Speaker, we should always thank our nurses for their hard work and dedication. Please join me in recognizing the nursing community this week. We should be grateful for their commitment to caring for others, especially during these trying times.

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our Nation's law enforcement officers and to recognize their sacrifices.

Today marks the first day of National Police Week, and our fallen heroes and their families are weighing heavily on my mind.

Six years ago in my district, Palm Springs Police Department Officers Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega were tragically shot and killed in the line of duty. In their memories, I authored the Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act to ensure that their families receive the financial support they need.

Last fall, when the Protecting America's First Responders Act became law, we took a momentous step toward fulfilling this mission. With portions of my bill included, we fixed bureaucratic loopholes in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program that cost families up to tens of thousands of dollars.

Now, we must build on this success and pass my bill in its entirety to fully honor our fallen heroes. This police week, I urge my colleagues to follow words with action and follow praise with pragmatic solutions that will improve the lives of fallen first responders' families.

### HISTORY OF THE SHENANDOAH CAVERNS

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, Virginia's Sixth District is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes and natural wonders in the country.

One of the most breathtaking attractions western Virginia has to offer, Shenandoah Caverns, is just a short 2-hour drive down I-81 from our Nation's Capital.

While building the Southern Railroad through Shenandoah County in the 1800s, the rail company asked landowner, Abraham Neff, for permission to dig a rock quarry for stones to help continue the project. While exploring the quarry, Mr. Neff's sons discovered the caverns after climbing 275 feet down an opening that had been exposed.

The family eventually sold the property to Hunter Chapman, who hoped to show the world the marvel that had been uncovered. In 1922, Chapman got his wish when Shenandoah Caverns officially opened, attracting generations of locals and tourists alike.

Since then, for the past 100 years, the caverns have provided stunning views, incredible geology, and extraordinary crystalline formations to all who visited. Shenandoah Caverns is truly remarkable, and I congratulate its current owner, Kathy Hargrove Kelly, on the business' centennial.

### JOBS REPORT

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, another terrific jobs report came out last week, showing that over 428,000 jobs were created in April.

Since President Biden took office, over 8.3 million jobs were created, the most in U.S. history. This was partly a result of the American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats. President Biden and Democrats are working for a better America for the people.

What are MAGA Republicans working on? Government-mandated pregnancy. Extreme MAGA Republicans want to ban abortion nationwide. There is a clear difference between Democrats and MAGA Republicans.

### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week we celebrated National Small Business Week and recognized the great contributions of small business owners and their employees in our towns.

Small business owners create local jobs and drive U.S. innovation. A 2019 report from the Small Business Administration shows that small businesses account for 44 percent of all activity in

the U.S. When you spend money in a local business, a majority of that dollar stays right in your town and stays local.

Unfortunately, they are being hit especially hard by the current economic crisis created by the Biden administration and their failed policies. They are facing severe supply chain disruptions and shortages, leaving their shelves empty—in the United States of America, unbelievable.

Energy costs are making it difficult for them to get their products and keep their lights on. Inflation and rising prices make it very hard for small mom-and-pop shops to even keep their doors open.

According to a National Federation of Independent Business survey, 99 percent of small business owners reported that rising energy and fuel costs are negatively impacting everybody across the board.

Over 80 percent are now reporting that they had to raise their prices for consumers for everybody just to stay afloat.

The bare shelves of Biden policies are hurting small business owners and consumers. There is no solution until we get back to a sound economic basis of doing business.

#### ABORTION SCIENCE

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the left loves to tell us to follow the science. Well, here is some science: At 6 weeks, an unborn child has a beating heart, and by 15 weeks, unborn children can suck their thumbs, have fully formed noses and lips, eyes and eyebrows, and they can feel excruciating pain—now clearly seen from the modern ultrasound.

Forty-nine years ago, the Supreme Court failed to honor the most basic human right in its *Roe v. Wade* decision. I applaud the Justices that bravely stood up to the radical abortion industry and defended life. I also applaud President Trump; he gave the American people a court that delivered a pro-life win for the Nation.

Please join me in praying for the Justices, all the unborn children in America, for women who have been deceived by the abortion industry, and for the end of *Roe v. Wade*.

#### RECOGNIZING JAN LYONS

(Mr. MANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Lyons, a great Kansan and this year's winner of the 2022 Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Jan is certainly a deserving recipient of such an honor. As a young person, she got started raising her own Angus

cattle with a few of her dad's cows. In the 1970s, Jan and her husband, Frank, started the Lyons Ranch Angus cow herd south of Manhattan, Kansas, with some of the females originating from her father's herd.

Today, Lyons Ranch consists of Jan and Frank, their daughter Amy and her husband, Carl, along with their sons and their wives. Jan's daughter, Debbie, also manages a cattle operation with her husband. Jan is the matriarch of a true family operation, which is why I am delighted to honor her here today.

Jan was the first woman president of the Kansas Angus Association. She was also the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. With all of this on her plate, Jan has still found time to serve as a 4-H leader in Riley County where she teaches young people about the importance of agriculture.

Jan has received a great deal of praise for being a trailblazing woman in agriculture. In response to this praise, Jan once said, Women have always been in agriculture—they just haven't always been the spokespeople. I would like to think that I am just a good rancher and a good leader, not a good woman rancher.

Well, Jan, you are a great rancher and an outstanding leader. Congratulations on your well-deserved award and thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of Kansas agriculture.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. GARBARINO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week, in recognition of the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every single day in order to protect and serve.

I rise to express my profound gratitude to our law enforcement officers for their incredible bravery and sacrifice, especially those in the Suffolk County Police Department, Nassau County Police Department, NYPD, and Port Authority Police Department—and to recognize one hero in particular.

In April 2021, Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Racioppo engaged a suspect who crashed his car after driving erratically down South Ocean Avenue in Patchogue. The driver exited his car, attacked and stabbed Officer Racioppo, nearly costing him his life.

Thankfully, Officer Racioppo made a full recovery and was promoted to detective shortly after. He is being honored this week by the National Association of Police Organizations, along with another Suffolk County Police Officer, Taylor Herbst, and two NYPD officers, Robert Holmes and Alejandra Jacobs.

Congratulations to those officers and may God bless them and watch over them and all of our brave men and women in blue.

#### HELP THE DOWNWINDERS

(Mr. OWENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, S. 4119 is a clean and simple extension of the existing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. It represents an incredible and increasingly rare achievement here in Congress: a bipartisan solution to a nonpartisan problem.

Between 1945 and 1962, the United States conducted over 100 aboveground nuclear weapons tests, releasing harmful radiation material into the air and literally blanketing parts of the United States, including Utah, with poisonous dust.

RECA, championed by the late Senator Orrin Hatch, was a lifeline to thousands of downwinders whose lives were lost or forever changed because of this exposure. Unless Congress acts, the program will expire in 2 months. That would leave downwinders like Sara Penny of Cedar City, Utah, behind. Her story was cataloged in the "Downwinders of Utah Archive."

Sara Penny was born in 1953, the same year the "Dirty Harry" bomb was tested in Nevada. She said: "We knew we could die any day from about 5th grade. Our piano teacher's daughter . . . died of leukemia. A steady stream of deaths followed."

Her grandfather died of leukemia. Her aunt died of breast cancer. Her cousin had a bone marrow transplant from his brother but died anyway. Her high school classmate died early from a brain tumor. Her cousin got breast cancer.

Her story is tragic, but it is not unique. Too many downwinders are still suffering. Just last week, I heard from constituents who were starting the process of applying for RECA benefits—these are individuals who lived in the shadow of radiation released into our beautiful Western skies.

We have a chance to make right what the Federal Government got wrong when it conducted these nuclear tests in our backyard. We can't walk away from RECA.

For Sara and all downwinders, please join me in voting "yes" on S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022.

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#### PRIVATE SECTOR IS STEPPING UP

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the private sector continues to provide critical aid to Ukraine and its surrounding areas. Sadly, many stories of these good deeds are seldom reported on by the media.

Eli Lilly, one of America's top pharmaceutical companies, has been shipping insulin to Ukraine to aid its citizens in their time of need. Further, Eli Lilly also committed to providing additional deliveries of medicines, including cancer treatments and COVID-19 treatments.